

**March 19, 1998**

**CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER LETTER**

**MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL MEETING**

1. The Medical Library Association will hold its national meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 22nd through May 28th, 1998. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will hold a meeting for VHA librarians on Tuesday, May 26, 1998.
2. This year's program will focus on identifying and disseminating the highest quality international systematic reviews and meta-analyses which report the effect of health interventions. Attendance at this conference will enable each facility's librarian to learn more about current information management activities in VHA, as well as attend sessions covering a wide variety of library and information science issues.
3. As the Department of Veterans Affairs enters into new ways of doing business, the resourceful use of knowledge based, published information will continue to be vital to VHA's delivery of quality healthcare. Library professionals direct the functions of the organization responsible for identifying, locating, analyzing and delivering required information to VHA healthcare providers. Attendance of each facility's librarian at this conference is encouraged. Facilities are responsible for tuition, travel expenses and per diem.
4. Questions may be referred to Barbara Huckins, Health Information Resources Service, VHA Headquarters, (202) 273-8521 or (700) 273-8521.

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